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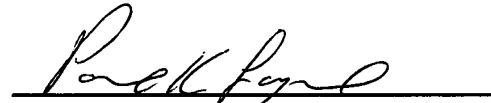
**REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, this Preliminary Amendment **is not** in response to any action by the Patent Office. Rather, the amendment of claims herein solely relate to defining subject matter in the present application in which Applicants, alone or together with the U.S. government, may have certain rights. No new matter has been added.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 17-25 will remain pending.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (215) 665-6914 if there are any questions regarding Applicants' claimed invention.

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